



Greenbelt Police Department – General Order

	Title: Request for Assistance by Bail Bond Agents		Order #: 622	
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01 PURPOSE: To establish a standardized response to requests for assistance from bail bond agents.

transport the prisoner to Central Processing.

02 DISCUSSION: At times, the Greenbelt Police Department is called upon to assist bail bond agents in what they may consider to be their civil authority to enter into a private residence and seize a wanted person. A police presence, whether to keep the peace or serve as an active participant, can place the officer in a situation of potential liability.

C. Search Warrants: Officers are reminded that a search warrant is needed to enter into a third party residence, if the officers are not invited in by a person living at that residence.

03 PROCEDURES:

- A. Communications Specialists:**
Communications Specialists, who receive non-emergency calls from bail bond agents wanting to effect the arrest of a wanted person, shall ask the reporting person to verify that there is an active warrant/court order for the person they are looking for. If there is no warrant/court order, the Greenbelt Police Department will not respond.

- B. Officers:** Officers who respond to calls where bail bond agents want to contact and arrest someone are to first view the verified copy of the warrant/court order. Then confirm, through normal procedures, that there is an active warrant/court order for the person being sought by the bail bond agents. When it has been confirmed that an active warrant exists, officers should ask the bail bond agents to remain away from the contact site. Once a police presence has been made, only officers are to approach the site, or attempt to contact the wanted person. The bail bond agents may remain on public property near the contact location. Once officers have made contact and arrest the wanted person, only the officers are to